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## conference issue



### COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY BRANCH

One sure signal of approaching autumn is notice of conferences presented by the Community Planning Advisory Branch. This year is no exception and some of these conferences may have already been drawn to your attention.

By informing you of all CPAB conferences to be held this fall, I hope to:

- \* interest you in the range of current planning themes and processes being considered at these events;
- \* alert you to specific opportunities for enhancing community economic health through land use planning measures; and
- \* emphasize the function these conferences serve in helping the Ministry co-ordinate land use planning issues affecting municipalities and provincial ministries alike.

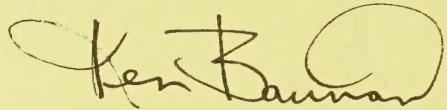
We all face pressures on our budgets for conference attendance. Therefore, to profile topics that may interest you even if you are unable to attend the regional conference discussing them, I am pleased to provide this information.

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The conferences are presented here in the order in which they will occur. Since the Central Ontario Planning Conference is a spring event, information on it will be provided through the regular issue of PLANNING: Supplement to Background.

I sincerely hope that this information will encourage you to attend one of our conferences and, if so, look forward to meeting you during the event.

Yours truly,



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#### **NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO PLANNING CONFERENCE**

September 9 to 12, 1987

Old Mill Motel, Blind River

Contact: Town of Blind River (705) 356-2251

The 20th annual conference, co-sponsored by the Blind River and Suburban Planning Board and CPAB - Northeastern Region, will pursue two themes:

- \* The administration and organization of municipal planning and community development; and
- \* Planning and development's relationship to activities which should be complementary.

The first theme will be explored with sessions on strategic planning, council and staff organization for effective planning and implementation of community development projects, the potential for simplifying zoning by-laws for small municipalities and "how to" workshops on holding public meetings and processing development applications as fast as the law allows.



Workshops developing the second theme will examine the relationship between community planning and a range of activities including community development plans, the municipal budget, unorganized territory, Crown Land development, the promotion of private investment and tourism development.

Rusty Russell and Henry Stewart (Chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board) will be among the conference speakers. An on-the-spot workshop will let delegates design improvements to downtown building facades.

Among the events accompanying the conference are a golf tournament, talent night and yacht tour on the North Channel. Remember to vote in the advance poll for the provincial election if you are attending this conference!



#### **NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO PLANNING CONFERENCE**

September 17 and 18, 1987

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Contact: Robb Anderson CPAB (807) 475-1651

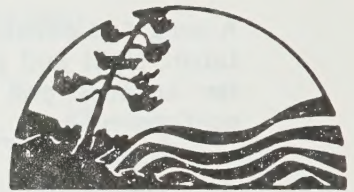
This year's conference features an expanded agenda that addresses current concerns in both municipal planning and economic development.

Rusty Russell will advise you on how to keep your municipality out of the courtroom, drawing from current concerns and experiences of the audience, and injecting those "tricks of the trade" that he has accumulated over the years. Pat Moyle will be reflecting on the interplay between politics and planning in a small municipality. Ron Brown will apply his insights of Northwestern Ontario heritage to a presentation on the development of themes for Business Improvement Areas. To further enrich the municipal planning side of the agenda, there will be presentations on Road Evaluation Studies, Provincial Policy Statements and Planning Administration Studies.

On the economic side of the agenda, we'll be taking a look at emerging trends and some unrealized economic potential in the Northwest. Keynote speaker George Radwanski will address the present and future role of the service sector in the Ontario economy and will outline some of the Provincial initiatives to implement the recommendations of the Ontario Study of the Service Sector that he recently completed on behalf of the Premier.

Presentations will be made on the unexploited opportunities in regional tourism and the economic opportunities represented by social and health facilities. Also, Bob Michels will take a retrospective glance at a decade of efforts to rejuvenate Atikokan and the balance of prospects and problems now confronting the community.

It will all come together on September 17th and 18th at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay. You won't want to miss it!



### **EASTERN ONTARIO PLANNING CONFERENCE**

September 30 to October 2, 1987

Holiday Inn, Kingston

Contact: CPAB-Southeast Region (613) 566-3801

A surge in development activity is pressuring local planning administration systems for more decisions. Many such systems in Southeastern Ontario were already running at capacity and this surge makes it difficult to fully consider all options and consequences of decisions.

The theme "**Options for Action**" will focus the conference on local examples of the decision-making process, used for a variety of planning issues, in showing practical approaches transferable to other municipalities. This is intended to broaden the base of options recognized by municipalities and avoid inadvertent duplication of effort by others in the same region.

The conference features five workshops and an afternoon of local tours to see examples of the planning approaches. Among the workshops is a session highlighting municipal actions being taken to encourage development and redevelopment. Also, current practices in administering development through subdivision and consent agreements and conditions on consents will be profiled.

The conference also offers concurrent early bird sessions on computers in planning and a tour of Wolfe Island. An opening reception with displays by planning consultants and Ministry branches and an address by Brigid Pyke, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture at the closing luncheon round out the second annual Eastern Ontario Planning Conference.



## **ONTARIO PLANNERS' CONFERENCE**

October 28-30, 1987

King Edward Hotel, Toronto

Contact: Elizabeth Lea (416) 585-6238

As previous conferences have demonstrated, the role of the planner continues to expand. Today's diversity of planning activities is a positive response to the social and economic forces bringing change to our communities.

Using the theme **The Adapting Community**, OPC '87 will examine these trends and influences to better equip planners to develop effective community strategies. For example, the implications of Canada's demographic changes on public policy development are of major concern to community planners.

The ability of a community to successfully adapt to influences on the provincial, national and international scenes will rely heavily on the planner's ability to anticipate and cope with change. Planners have begun to respond to this challenge by refining their skills as managers and as professionals in such areas as mediation and marketing. The agenda for this year's conference has been designed to provide today's professional with sound information and advice on how to be an effective member of the community development team. Workshops, plenary sessions, tours and mobile workshops will feature demographics, community economic development, agricultural economics and the service sector.

Several topics will be addressed from an international perspective and applied to local and provincial environments.



## **SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO PLANNING CONFERENCE**

November 5, 1987

Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London

Contact: CPAB-Southwest Region (519) 673-1611

Topics at the 1987 conference emphasize local municipal case studies and building linkages among parties involved in planning issues in Southwest Ontario.

This intensive, one day conference will present delegates with a wide variety of workshops. Among the sessions emphasizing local case studies are workshops on land use planning and economic development and zoning by-law enforcement.

The second theme will be developed by workshops examining tourism strategies with the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. Also on this theme, the co-ordination of decisions on community infrastructure involving the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the Ministry of the Environment will be explored.

In addition, delegates will be updated by Ministry staff on topics ranging from the municipal boundaries process, conflict of interest legislation applied to local planning activity, the review of County Government underway by the Ministry and the Ministry of Housing's program for intensification of residential uses.

Ideas for expediting and optimizing the local planning process should result from the workshop involving the Plans Administration Branch - Central and Southwest looking at problem areas and possible solutions. Of particular interest to councillors, junior and intermediate planners should be the session on preparing for an appearance before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Last year's conference drew over 200 delegates and attendance of 300 is expected this year so early registration with the CPAB - Southwest Region is recommended.



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